

# SMOKE & DYED WATER TESTING DATABASE HIGH LEVEL SEWERSHED BALTIMORE CITY PROJECT 1028



Microsoft Access Database Users Guide for Dye Testing Data Entry

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The information contained in this manual is not intended to address or account for all situations or circumstances encountered, rather it provides the user with general guidelines of the procedures to be followed for Dyed Water Testing in the High Level Sewershed.



### BALTIMORE HIGH LEVEL SEWERSHED SMOKE TESTING PROCEDURES PROJECT #1028

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#### I. Introduction

The Smoke & Dyed Water Testing Database is designed to facilitate the population of smoke and dye testing information, observation data, and photograph records according to the database schema and specifications outlined in Version 08.03 of the Smoke and Dyed Water Testing section of the Baltimore Sewer Evaluation Standards (BaSES) Manual (Appendix 6-6). The database forms and tables automatically populate the Test ID, Observation ID, Photo ID, and Photo Filename fields per BaSES specifications, allowing the user to focus on entering the data gathered in the field for each dye test.

All dye testing data is compiled into one form "frmData\_Entry\_Dye" in the Smoke & Dyed Water Testing database. The "frmData\_Entry\_Dye" includes a header section where general test information is entered as well as the following two tabs: Observations/Photos and Field Inspection Report. The following table lists the components of the dye data entry form with the fields contained in each and additional information on how the application manages each field.

Header					
Field	Read-Only	Remark			
Test ID	Yes	Field is automatically populated when a new record is created			
Test No.	Yes	Field is automatically populated after the Test has passed QC and is ready for processing to meet BaSES specifications			
Test Type	No	User must select the type of test performed from a combo box			
Inspection Date	No	User must select the test date. The database provides a calendar from which the date is selected.			
Company/Inspector	No	User must enter the company name and the inspector's initials			
Ground Condition	No	User must click on the appropriate button; choosing from "dry" "damp" or "wet"			
Nearest MH	No	User must select the plat where the manhole is located from the "Current Plat" combo box. This populates the "Nearest MH" combo box with all manhole IDs within the selected plat. User must then select the correct manhole ID. The application allows only valid manhole IDs per Baltimore's wastewater manhole naming convention.			
Address	No	User must enter the nearest street address to the location where the dye is introduced			
Location	No	User must select the location of the suspected I/I source from a combo box			
Source	No	User must select the source type of the suspected I/I source from a combo box			

Status	No	User must select the property type of the suspected I/I source from a combo box			
Observations/Photos Tab					
Field	Read-Only	Remark			
Nearest MH	No	User must select the plat where the nearest manhole is			
		located from the "Current Plat" combo box. This			
		populates the "Nearest MH" combo box with all			
		manholes IDs within the selected plat. User must then			
		select the correct manhole ID.			
Comment	No	User supplied			
Path of Picture	No	Automatically supplied link to the location where the			
		photo is saved based on the selection of the photo			
Picture Caption/Notes	No	User supplied			
Field Inspection Report Tab					
Field	Read-Only	Remark			
Path of Sketch	No	Automatically supplied link to the location where the			
		electronic version of the field sketch is saved based on			
		the selection of the sketch			

# II. Opening the Database

When the database is opened, the navigation form is automatically displayed as shown in Figure 1. This form allows the user to choose the action to be completed: enter smoke test data, enter dye test data, process data for compliance with BaSES specifications, or exit the database. The database opens the appropriate form based on the user's selection or closes all forms if "exit" is chosen.

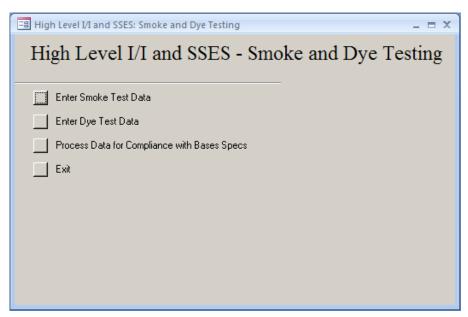


Figure 1 - Navigation form

## III. Adding a Test to the Database

Click the "Enter Dye Test Data" button on the Navigation form. The database will automatically display the "frmData\_Entry\_Dye" form for data entry.

Click the "Add New Test" button to generate a new test entry as shown in Figure 2. The user can then begin entering the dye test data into any of the user-editable fields. As soon as the user begins typing, the dye testing form fills in the Test ID field with the next sequential test number. Note: The Test Number field is not populated with the BaSES formatted ID until the test has passed QC review. This ensures that test numbers per BaSES specifications will remain sequential even if a test fails QC and must be deleted from the database.

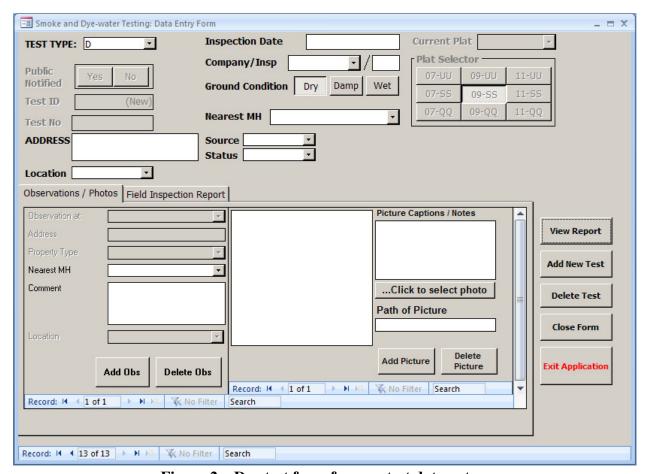


Figure 2 – Dye test form for new test data entry

The user should begin by entering data in the header portion of the form, and then proceed with data entry for the Observations/Photos tab.

#### IV. Adding an Observation

Click on the Observations/Photos tab of the form to enter information about each observation associated with the test. The user can begin typing information about Observation 1 directly into the fields provided. If additional observations must be populated, click the "Add Obs" button and another observation record will appear. Note: the Observations/Photos tab for the Dye Testing Form has an identical format to the Observations/Photos tab in the Smoke Testing Form. In the Dye Testing Form, the fields that are not applicable are simply "grayed out" so that information cannot be entered into these fields erroneously.

#### V. Adding a Photo

The first photo associated with each observation can be added directly to the photo portion of the Observations/Photos tab. The "Click to select photo" button allows the user to navigate to the directory and folder where the photo is saved. If more than one photo is taken for an observation, click the "Add Picture" button and another photo record will appear. Figure 3 shows the Observations/Photos tab with the information properly populated.

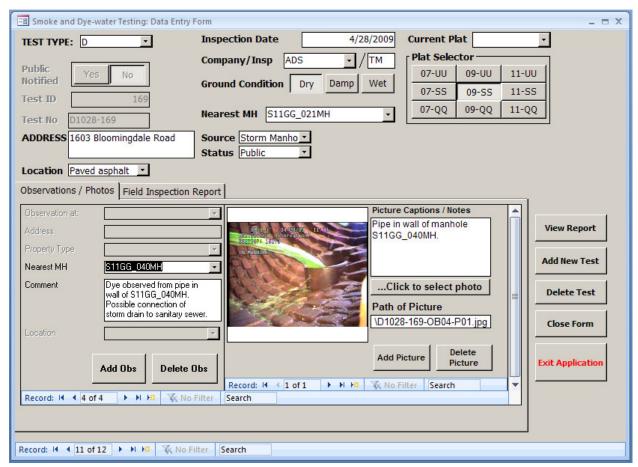


Figure 3 – Observations/Photos Tab

## VI. Adding a Field Sketch

Click on the Field Inspection Report tab to import the electronic version of the test set-up field sketch into the database. The "Click to select sketch" button allows the user to navigate to the directory and folder where the field sketch is saved. Figure 4 shows the Field Inspection Report tab with the information properly filled out.

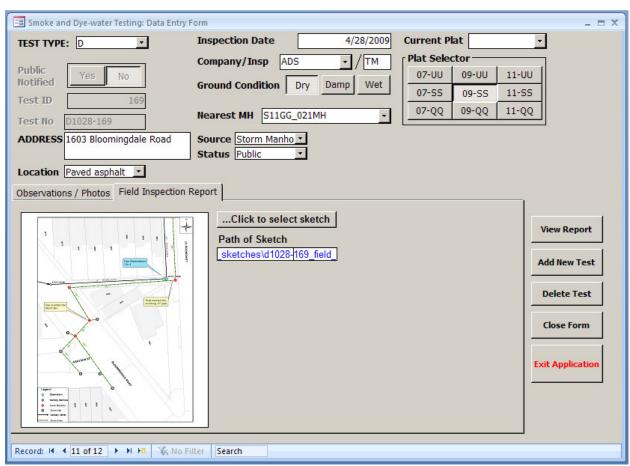


Figure 4 – Field Inspection Report Tab

## VII. Deleting a Record

The data entry form contains buttons to delete a test, observation or picture if it is erroneously added to the database. The user must simply click the appropriate button to erase the record from the database.

## VIII. Viewing a Report

The data entry form includes a button to view the final report for a dye test. The user must simply click "View Report" and the final report containing test set-up information, observation

data, and photograph records will display. The final report can then be saved as a PDF document. See Appendix D for an example of a Dye Testing Report.

### IX. Processing Data per BaSES Specifications

The Navigation form includes a button entitled "Process Data for Compliance with BaSES Specifications." This button should only be utilized after tests have passed the QC review process. Figure 5 shows the form that is displayed when clicking this button.



Figure 5 – Data Processing per BaSES Manual

The top left button should be clicked to generate all IDs and filenames per the specifications outlined in the BaSES Manual. When this processing is complete, the database will display a text box which states "Smoke and Dye data processed as per BaSES Specifications."

Note: The database will only process those tests which have been given a check mark in the Approved For City column of the Test Table. This action is completed during QC review.

The bottom left button of the Data Processing form should be clicked to generate a separate database for delivery to the City of Baltimore. This process creates a database which includes only those tables and fields outlined in the BaSES Manual, and adheres to the field names, data types, and field lengths specified in the BaSES Manual. This database is populated with data from the Smoke and Dyed Water Testing database. All tests which have been Approved For City during the QC review are populated in the database for City delivery. Figures 6, 7, and 8 show the Test, Observation, and Photo tables as they appear in the City delivery database.

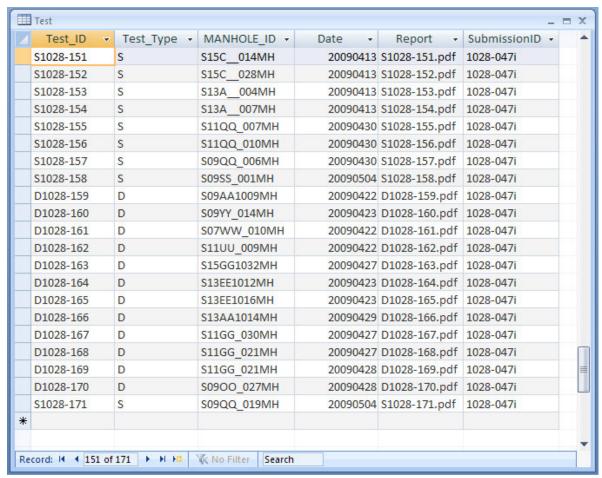


Figure 6 – Test Table per BaSES Specifications

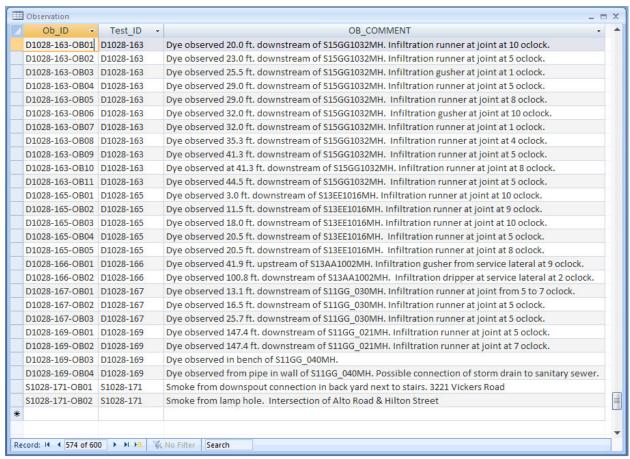


Figure 7 – Observation Table per BaSES Specifications

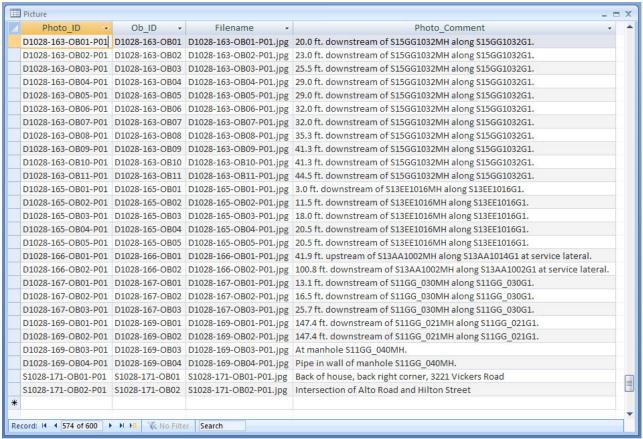


Figure 8 – Photo Table per BaSES Specifications

## X. System Prerequisites

The Smoke & Dyed Water Testing database requires Microsoft Access 2000 or higher software. In addition, the following References should be active in the database:

- Visual Basic for Applications
- Microsoft Access
- Microsoft Active X Data Objects
- Microsoft ADO EXT for DDL and Security
- OLE Automation
- Outlook Library